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SUBJECT: INTERVIEWS WITH FIRMS INTERESTED IN BURMESE OFFSHORE OIL

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1. PACE OF INTERVIEWS BETWEEN MYANMA OIL CORPORATION AND FOREIGN FIRMS INTERESTED IN OFFSHORE EXPLORATION IS QUICKENING AS MOC ATTEMPTS TO FINISH TALKS WITH LESS LIKELY PARTNERS BEFORE JULY 10. MOC' S ORIGINAL LIST OF 38 INVITEES NOW HAS REPORTEDLY GROWN TO 50 OR MORE, PRIMARILY AS RESULT OF REQUESTS

BY ADDITIONAL FIRMS TO BE INCLUDED. DURING WEEK ENDING JUNE 22, MOC SAW AT LEAST FIVE U. S. AND TWO BRITISH FIRMS.

2. IN ADDITION TO COMPANIES LISTED REF A PARA 5, WE NOW KNOW OF FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL U. S. INTERVIEWEES: HUSKY OIL, DENVER,
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COLO.; NATOMAS PETROLEUM; COMORO EXPLORATION LTD., NEW YORK; AND PETROMERTREND CORP., DENVER. PETROMERTREND IS AMONG AD-RGITIONAL FIRMS WHICH ASKED TO BE INCLUDED FOLLOWING MOC' S ORIGINAL INVITATIONS.

3. IN DISCUSSIONS WHICH BEGAN MAY 14 WITH EARLIER INTERVIEWEES WHOM IT CONSIDERS MOST PROMISING, MOC ASKED COMPANIES TO SUBMIT DETAILED PROPOSALS BY JUNE 30. SOME OF THESE FIRMS, ON BASIS OF EARLIER RELATIVELY DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH MOC, AND KNOWLEDGE OF BURMESE CONDITIONS, ALREADY HAD MORE OR LESS DEFINITE PRO-POSALS TO MAKE. SOME LATER INTERVIEWEES HAVE BEEN GIVEN UNTIL JULY 7 TO SUBMIT FULL PROPOSALS , AND PRESUMABLY THIS DEADLINE WILL BE EXTENDED SOMEWHAT FOR THE LAST FIRMS INTERVIEWED, DURING WEEK OF JULY 2 OR 9.

4. PARA 1 ABOVE MAY BE DISCUSSED WITH U. S. COMPANIES.

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